Statement

The Joint Action Plan Regarding Indo-EU Summit

The Joint Action Plan, *inter alia,* proposes the setting up of a High Level Trade Group to explore ways and means to deepen and widen bilateral trade and investment relationship, setting up of Joint working Groups, including one on Sanitary and Phytosanitary issues and Technical Barriers to Trade, cooperation in WTO matters, holding a business Round Table together with the EU-lndia Business Summit, etc. Commerce Secretary and Director General Trade, European Commission have since been identified as co-Chair of the High Level Trade Group and preliminary interactions have been held.

FDI in **tabacco sector**

*416. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from tabacco MNCs for FDI in the tabacco sector; and

(b) if so, Government's response to such proposals and the State Policy on FDI in tobacco units?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On public health considerations, Government is not encouraging Foreign Direct Investment in tabacco sector.

India's 6 point strategy for China

*417. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans 6-point strategy for China to dent in Chinese market through a well designed action plan aimed at diversifying export